

Serving Today

Mark Hile & David Mutter are serving as consistory helpers for May.

This week's worship assistant is Linda Mauger.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Edie Krause in honor of her granddaughter, Payton Henry's graduation from Bloomsburg University.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Joel & Nikki Weller in honor of Macy's 1st birthday.

Next week's flowers are sponsored by David Mutter.

Next week's bulletins are sponsored by Marie Schollenberger.

2017 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Our Information

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 58 Sunday School: 25

Last Week's Offering: \$2,962.00

2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65

Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor

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Mother's Day ~ May 14, 2017

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(+) *Those who are able please stand*

Bold - congregation responds as able

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Mother" W. Price

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love has poured into our hearts,
Through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

+HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Faith & Praise No. 193

CONFESSION OF SIN

~ *Silent Prayers* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;
Thanks be to God.

+GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty' from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 216] 1 Peter 2:2-10

+HYMN "I Come to the Garden Alone" Faith & Praise No. 595

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 119] Acts 7:54-60, 8:1

SERMON "Stephen's Stoning" Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "We Thank Thee for Our Mothers" A. Gilken

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (unison) (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN "Take the Name of Jesus with You" Faith & Praise No. 738

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guild, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

+POSTLUDE "The Family of God" W. Gaither



Welcome Visitors - We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Communitas - The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Help Needed with VBS Decorations - Want to get your gears turning for VBS? We are seeking volunteers to assist in home projects. If you like to use scissors, we have projects for you. See Connie, Anita or Dottie after church in the primary floor Sunday School rooms. Thanks for your help!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - May 14

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - May 15

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study
6 pm Ham Supper Prep
7 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday - May 17

6 pm Rain Date for Ham Supper Prep
7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Friday - May 19

6 pm Ham Supper Prep

Saturday - May 20

7 am Ham Supper Prep

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - May 21

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - May 22

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study
6 pm Ham Supper Clean Up

Wednesday - May 24

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

Abigale Beidler ----- Recovering from concussion

Betty Miller ----- Struggling with Alzheimer's

Mae Bauer (Janet Conrad's Mom) ----- Fell and broke pelvis and wrist

Marie Schollenberger ----- Fractured spine

VBS – It is time to think Summer!! VBS is almost here. Mark your calendars for June 11-15 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are out on the window sills in the sanctuary and is also be available online. *Participants need to Register by TODAY to receive a FREE child size t-shirt.* Tee Shirt order forms are also available on the window sills. If you are able to help out in any way please fill out a form (found in the bulletin) and place it in the offering plate or give it to Tracey, Nikki or Dottie. The donation wall is up and there are still some tags available, please take a tag and bring back the item by the date noted.

Community Outreach Ministry – We will continue collecting for the Multi-Service starting in June. Please support our VBS by taking a tag and purchasing an item needed.

Grocery Cards to Support Missions – Don't forget grocery cards for Giant, Redners and Weis Markets are available for purchase. They may be used towards groceries, gas and pharmacy purchases and make terrific thank you gifts! We receive 5% for every card you purchase which will be used to support our Church Missions Team on their next adventure. See Connie Hile to purchase your cards today!

Summer Concert – “Desire” will be back for another summer concert this year on June 3rd! Music will be 6-7:30 pm and food will be available starting at 5 pm. Help us spread the word. Posters (in the Narthex & Sunday School hallway) are available to hang around the community.

Mission Trip – We are excited to announce our Mission Trip will be happening again this year. This year we have Five area churches all coming together to do the planning. The work days for the Mission Trip will be Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22. The daily time frame will be 7:30am to 7:15pm. These days will include all meals, morning and afternoon work times, and evening faith reflections. You are eligible to attend the Mission Trip if you are at least 10 years old as of September 30, 2016. If you are between 10 years old and 14 years old as of September 30, 2016, you must have a parent attend the Mission Trip as well. This year's registration fee will be \$15 per person or \$50 per family max. “Participant” and “Applications for Assistance” forms are available from Mark and Connie Hile or Terry Shane. In addition, forms can be found at www.stpaulsbirdsboro.org under the “What We Do” tab. Participant positions include site workers, food service, supply logistics and homeowner visitations. Feel free to speak with Mark, Connie or Terry for additional information.

Annual Ham Supper



Saturday, May 20th

Tickets will be sold from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Meals will be served from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm



The Preparation Schedule:

Come and help when you can, leave when you must...a good time and great fellowship will be had!

- Monday, May 15 at 6 pm – Clean grounds, move supplies from church, prepare building, wash dishes
- Wednesday, May 17 – Rain date for Monday
- Friday, May 19 at 6 pm – Food prep (slice hams, peel potatoes, etc.)
- Saturday, May 20 at 7 am – Begin final preparations
- Monday, May 22 at 6 pm – Clean up, move supplies back to church (the remaining ice cream needs to be eaten!)

Fundraiser – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles 484-333-1424.

Newsletter Deadline – Next Sunday, May 21st is the June newsletter deadline! Please submit your information to the church office at nikki@stjohnhillucc.org or you may place it in my church mailbox. Thanks for your timely submissions! Nikki

Joyful Noise Offering – Next Sunday, we will be collecting a special offering. Our children will be invited to collect a special “Joyful Noise” offering during worship. By carrying a coffee can around to the congregation to collect change (and paper money but change makes more “noise”). After the offering is counted, the children (and their teachers) will be making a decision as to where to donate the money collected whether that be to a special person or cause. Help us to make it a special Sunday and time for our children in worship as they make joyful noises unto the Lord.

Graduation Sunday - On Sunday, June 12th, we will be recognizing Hill Church graduates, and we need your help. If you are aware of someone connected to Hill Church who will be graduating from high school, college, or making another significant move (such as from middle school to high school), please contact the church office (610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) so we can be sure to include them. Thank you for helping us with this. And be sure to attend worship on June 12th when we will be honoring and praying for our graduates.